

Juvenile Assessment Center

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

The Miami-Dade Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) received funding from the United States Congress; which funds the partnership between researchers and operational staff in the reform of an active, functioning juvenile justice system, with the goal of impacting the quality and quantity of services provided to juvenile offenders in Miami-Dade County. The National Demonstration Project began with 4 primary projects: Post Arrest Diversion (PAD) which is an alternative, arrest-processing program that allows the JAC to keep first-time minor offense arrested juveniles from entering the traditional juvenile justice program; Screening and Assessment, which examined the actual instruments, applications, training of staff, and dissemination of information; Research and Data collection, which through analysis, determines trends in the population of arrested juveniles to better serve their needs; and Specialized Program Models, which study the development of model programs for three target groups of juveniles in Miami-Dade county: Girls, which represent almost 23% of arrests; Haitian Children, which represent almost 9% of arrests, and who have problems as indicated on recent immigrant populations studies; and young siblings of Serious Habitual Offenders (SHO), a group that shares the risk factors of their older siblings and are at the highest risk of entering the juvenile justice system.

SERVICE AREA			
Countywide			
TARGET POPULATION			
Gender:	Male and Female	Age:	Children (6-12) and Youth (13-18)
Special Populations:	Arrested Juveniles		
ELIGIBILITY			
Client Eligibility Requirements:	Arrested Juveniles		
Geographic Criteria:	N/A		
Economic/Financial Criteria:	N/A	Other:	N/A

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida; Miami-Dade Police Department; Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Office of the State Attorney; Miami-Dade County Enterprise Technology Services Department; Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services; all municipal police departments in Miami-Dade County; Florida Department of Children and Families; Children's Psychiatric Center; and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy



CBO ACCESS

CBO Access to Funding Source: No Funding Provided to CBOs: No

PROGRAM GOAL(S)

The Primary purpose of the national Demonstration Project is to collaborate with nationally recognized researchers and JAC operational staff to reform Miami-Dade's juvenile justice system.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Quantity	Quality
Effort/	I. What We Do	II. How Well We Do It
Output	 Conduct research, develop strategies and programs to improve the juvenile justice system Collaborate with partners to reduce juvenile crime and their re-arrest 	Research projects have resulted in new protocols, system changes, technological improvements, staff re-training, and new service models to pilot
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Effort/	III. How Much Change	IV. Quality of Change

FUNDING SOURCE(S)

Grant Funding: Yes

Funding Source: Federal

Matching Requirements: No Required Match: N/A

Minimum Required Match: N/A

Maintenance of Effort Requirements: N/A Funding Cycle: July 1 – June 30



	Actual FY 02-03	Budgeted FY 03-04	Budgeted* FY 04-05	Change from FY 03-04
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Revenue Summary	¢250.000	¢200,000	Φ0.	N1/A
Federal	\$250,000	\$298,000	\$0	N/A
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
County	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Total	\$250,000	\$298,000	\$0	N/A
Expenditure Summary Salaries and Benefits Services and Supplies Contracted Service Providers	\$0 \$12,000 \$235,500	\$0 \$4,000 \$291,000	\$0 \$0 \$0	N/A N/A N/A
Capital	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$0	N/A
Other Total	\$0 \$250,000	\$0 \$298,000	\$0 \$0	N/A N/A
Total Positions**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Children Served***	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*}TBD-To be determined-The JAC has not received the final award letter from U.S. Department of Justice, funding amount is pending

Cross Reference: Please see Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Assessment Center listing

^{**} The JAC provides in-kind support through research project management and grant management (monitoring, reporting, and compliance) and data systems. these funds are required to be allocated for research and related activities; they many not be used for operational support or staffing

^{***}The National Demonstration Project proposed and tests new services, models, protocols, systems, etc. that will affect the outcomes of juveniles and their families through reduced recidivism and costs to the County and improved public safety



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PROCESSING ARRESTED JUVENILES

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

The Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) is a centralized processing, referral, and evaluation center for all juveniles arrested in Miami-Dade County. The JAC allows representatives from law enforcement and social services to work together under one roof to provide a complete range of services at the initial stages of the juvenile's involvement with the juvenile justice system. Arrested juveniles are brought by local law enforcement agencies to the JAC for processing. Upon completion of the intake and booking process, juveniles are screened and assessed in order to determine the individual issues of juvenile arrestees. Based upon the initial assessment, a secondary assessment may be provided to determine substance abuse and/or mental health issues. A detention risk assessment is used to provide a recommendation to release the juvenile to a parent/guardian, in-home detention, secure-facility detention, or refer the juvenile to the Post-Arrest Diversion Program (PAD).

SERVICE AREA			
Countywide			
TARGET POPULATION			
Gender:	Male and Female	Age:	Children (6-12) and Youth (13-18)
Special Populations:	Arrested juveniles		
ELIGIBILITY			
Client Eligibility Requirements:	Arrested juveniles		
Geographic Criteria:	N/A		
Economic/Financial Criteria:	N/A	Other:	N/A

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida; Miami-Dade Police Department; Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Office of the State Attorney; Miami-Dade County Enterprise Technology Services Department; Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services; all municipal police department in Miami-Dade County; Florida Department of Children and Families; Children's Psychiatric Center; and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy



CBO ACCESS

CBO Access to Funding Source: No Funding Provided to CBOs: No

PROGRAM GOAL(S)

The goal of the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) is to commit its resources in partnership with the community to provide a safe and secure environment to process and assess arrested juveniles.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Quantity	Quality
Effort/	I. What We Do	II. How Well We Do It
Output	 Process 100% of the arrested juvenile population Use JAC Data Systems to strategically apply processing protocols Reduce re-arrest and recidivism 	Use of new protocols, 100% compliance with mandates, system changes, technology systems and new service models
Effort/	III. How Much Change	IV. Quality of Change
Outcome	The program develop, implemented, completed, and evaluated service, projects, pilots, and protocols	 100% Compliance with mandates 10% reduction of the number of children processed 5% reduction of juvenile crime and re-arrest 630 police hours saved by staff during intake and assessment resulting in a 17.1 million dollar savings The diversion program has saved the Florida juvenile justice system \$21,630,000 since 2000.

FUNDING SOURCE(S)

Grant Funding: Yes

Funding Source: Federal, State, and Private

Matching Requirements: Yes Required Match: Cash

Minimum Required Match: 25% (\$167,225)

Maintenance of Effort Requirements: Yes Funding Cycle: October 1 – September 30



	Actual FY 02-03	Budgeted FY 03-04	Budgeted FY 04-05	Change from FY 03-04
Revenue Summary				
Carryover	\$94,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$2,242,000	\$2,191,000	\$669,000	-\$1,522,000
State	\$729,000	\$729,000	\$729,000	\$0
County	\$2,927,000	\$4,454,000	\$5,381,000	\$927,000
Other	\$97,000	\$88,000	\$900,000	\$812,000
Total	\$6,089,000	\$7,462,000	\$7,679,000	\$217,000
Expenditure Summary				
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,204,000	\$3,388,000	\$3,964,000	\$576,000
Services and Supplies	\$2,827,000	\$3,972,000	\$3,580,000	-\$392,000
Contracted Service Providers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital	\$58,000	\$102,000	\$0	-\$102,000
Other	\$0	\$0	\$135,000	\$135,000
Total	\$6,089,000	\$7,462,000	\$7,679,000	\$217,000
Total Positions	62	62	66	4
Number of Children Served*	12,707	11,799	11,452	-347

^{*}Number of children served by Department of Human Services not included



Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Martin Luther King Jr., Leadership Academy (MLKLA) was established to enhance the academic performance of youth in Miami-Dade County. MLKLA is an outreach education program of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS), administered by the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) for students in grades 6 to 9 who are "at-risk". The intensive support in academics and emphasis placed on social development skills has had a significant impact on the success of the Academy's students. In addition to the basic academic curriculum, the students enjoy diverse cultural peer interaction, and a wide variety of extracurricular activities. The Academy can enroll up to 200 students.

SERVICE AREA			
Countywide			
TARGET POPULATION			
Gender:	Male and Female	Age:	Children (6-12) and Youth (13-18)
Special Populations:	At-risk youth		
ELIGIBILITY			
Client Eligibility Requirements:	Students (Grades 6-9) with below aver "F"s in a grading period; and excessive		ized test scores; two or more "D"s and/or th a retention problem
Geographic Criteria:	N/A		
Economic/Financial Criteria:	N/A	Other:	N/A
COLLABORATIVE PARTN	IERS		

Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Miami-Dade County Teen Court; The Chrysalis Center; and The Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence

CBO ACCESS

CBO Access to Funding Source: No Funding Provided to CBOs: No



PROGRAM GOAL(S)

MLKLA focuses on helping students who are facing difficulty in traditional classroom settings improve their behavior and increase test scores. The Academy offers small classes, daily tutorials, and an enhanced curriculum. As a result of the enhanced curriculum, students receive positive reinforcement, self-assurance, and personal attention supported by a small teacher to student ratio.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Quantity	Quality
I. What We Do	II. How Well We Do It
 Over 600 students have attended the Academy Academy's developmental students achieved higher FCAT math scores compared with other developmental scores 	Academy students have improved performance
III. How Much Change	IV. Quality of Change
Academy students scored 158 points higher that the M-DCPS Outreach Mean Developmental score	Reading (57 points) and math (177 points) were higher

FUNDING SOURCE(S)

Grant Funding: Yes

Funding Source: State (pass through Miami-Dade County Public Schools)

Matching Requirements: No Required Match: N/A

Minimum Required Match: N/A

Maintenance of Effort Requirements: No Funding Cycle: October 1 – September 30



	Actual FY 02-03	Budgeted FY 03-04	Budgeted FY 04-05	Change from FY 03-04
Revenue Summary				
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other: MDCPS	\$561,720	\$787,000	\$805,000	\$18,000
Total	\$561,720	\$787,000	\$805,000	\$18,000
Expenditure Summary				
Salaries and Benefits	\$37,487	\$138,200	\$123,000	-\$15,200
Services and Supplies	\$485,098	\$648,800	\$682,000	\$33,200
Contracted Service Providers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital	\$21,482	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (interfund transfer)	-\$93,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$451,067	\$787,000	\$805,000	\$18,000
Total Positions	2	2	2	0
Number of Children Served	154	162	200	38

Cross Reference: Please see Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Educational Alternative Programs (Dropout Prevention) listing



Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TEEN COURT PROGRAM

First-time juvenile misdemeanor offenders are afforded a sentencing hearing conducted by youth volunteers serving as attorneys, jurors, bailiffs, and clerks. Some of the common charges heard by Miami-Dade County Teen Court Program (M-DCTC) (an alternative to the standard Juvenile Justice program) are retail theft, possession of marijuana, possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct, and trespassing. An adult volunteer, usually an active judge or lawyer, presides over the hearing, and at the conclusion of the hearing, appropriate sanctions are determined by the jury. The jury determines the number of community service hours and jury duties that the participant must complete. Also as part of the sanctions, the participant must attend jail tours, 2 educational workshops, 1 of which must be ethics as well as the Victim's Awareness Panel (VAP) workshops. All sanctions must be completed within 90 days. The cases are monitored by Juvenile Service Specialists who maintain close contact with the youth throughout the duration of the program through weekly telephone calls, and by conducting field visits to the youth's school and/or home. Once the youth successfully completes program sanctions, he or she may utilize the expungement process to have charges dropped with no public record of the committed offense. Should the youth fail to complete his or her sanctions, the case is closed out unsuccessfully and returned to the referring agency.

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Countywide

TARGET POPULATION

Gender: Male and Female Age: Children (Ages 6-12) and Youth (13-18)

Special Populations: Crime prevention; legal; and youthful offender

ELIGIBILITY

Client Eligibility Requirements: Youth (age 12-17) first time offender between from charged with misdemeanors

Geographic Criteria: N/A

Economic/Financial Criteria: N/A Other: N/A

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

Miami-Dade County Juvenile Assessment Center; Florida Department of Corrections, Post Arrest Diversion; State Attorney's Office; Miami-Dade County Clerk of Courts; Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency; Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services; Miami-Dade County Public Library System; Community Health Institute of South Dade, Inc. (CHI); Drug Free Youth in Town (DFYIT); and ABST (Abstinence Between Strong Teens)



CBO ACCESS

CBO Access to Funding Source: No Funding Provided to CBOs: No

PROGRAM GOAL(S)

The goal is to keep the youth out of the juvenile justice system; make them become aware of community service and its rewards; provide them with an understanding of why they should not re-offend; and involve the parents with their children so that there can be a clearer understanding of what happened so they can take measures to prevent it from occurring again.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Quantity	Quality
Effort/	I. What We Do	II. How Well We Do It
Output	 Served 290 juveniles and their parents through outreach/prevention and intervention services Had 249 successful completions Heard 273 cases 	 Interviewed 300 participants Had only 28 unsuccessful completions Had only 28 participants refuse the program Most cases are completed with 90 days
Effort/	III. How Much Change	IV. Quality of Change
Outcome	 100 randomly chosen Miami-Dade County Teen Court participants completed Teen Court, eleven (11) former participants were re- arrested up to one (1) year after their completion date 100 randomly chosen Miami-Dade County Teen Court participants completed Teen Court, six (6) former participants were re-arrested up to two years after completing the program 	 1% recidivism rate for up to one year after completing Teen Court 6% recidivism rate for up to two years after completing Teen Court

FUNDING SOURCE(S)

Grant Funding: No

Funding Source: County (Prior year carryover funding)

Matching Requirements: N/A Required Match: N/A

Minimum Required Match: N/A

Maintenance of Effort Requirements: N/A Funding Cycle: October 1 – September 30



	Actual* FY 02-03	Budgeted FY 03-04	Budgeted FY 04-05	Change from FY 03-04
Revenue Summary				
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County: Carryover	\$2,132,000	\$1,515,000	\$958,935	-\$556,065
Other: Ticket surcharge	\$1,182,000	\$1,400,000	\$0	-\$1,400,000
Other	\$28,000	\$54,000	\$0	-\$54,000
Total	\$3,342,000	\$2,969,000	\$958,935	\$2,010,065
Expenditure Summary				
Salaries and Benefits	\$930,689	\$956,000	\$649,952	-\$306,048
Contracted Service Providers	\$914,855	\$1,602,500	\$148,578	-\$1,453,922
Capital	\$11,026	\$55,000	\$0	-\$55,000
Other	\$0	\$355,500	\$160,405	-\$195,095
Total	\$1,856,570	\$2,969,000	\$958,935	\$2,010,065
Total Positions	15	15	15	0
Number of Children Served	300	300	300	0

^{*}Revenue includes approximately \$2,132,000 in carryover funding from prior year